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Strike drives students away

■ **STRIKE:** Students stranded by the striking bus drivers.

By NJEHU GATABAKI
STAR REPORTER

The ongoing dispute between officials from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the representatives for the drivers, now in its third week continues, to create more confusion as well as disgruntled people within the city.

While privately owned buses are kept running through select routes, hundreds of people are still stranded with no way to get to work or school. The most common mode of transportation for most students was the bus.

"I just moved out here, and started taking the bus to school," said Jeremi Camp, a Valley College student. "But for two weeks, I've hardly been able to get to any classes."

Camp lives one hour away from school in Hollywood and has to get to his 8 a.m. class. He works across the street from his home, so transportation to work is not a worry, he said.

"For the MTA officials to try to take money from the drivers because of bad planning in building their new subways, is just ludicrous," said Camp.

Although some students share Camps' sentiments about the crises, others that do not.

It takes 10 minutes for student Teresa Riser to drive from Van Nuys.

"No, it hasn't affected me at all," she said. "I just find less people at the functions that I go to."

For student Leon Ornelas, who uses his bike to get to school, the strike has been nothing more than shredded whispers of gossip. His only worry is for his sister and her two children.

"My sister just hopes that everything will be over soon," he said. After frowning deeply for a moment, he added, "But I blame the bus drivers for walking out. They just don't want to work."

Not only has the bus strike affected students, but teachers, most of whom have alternate ways to get to school, claim the

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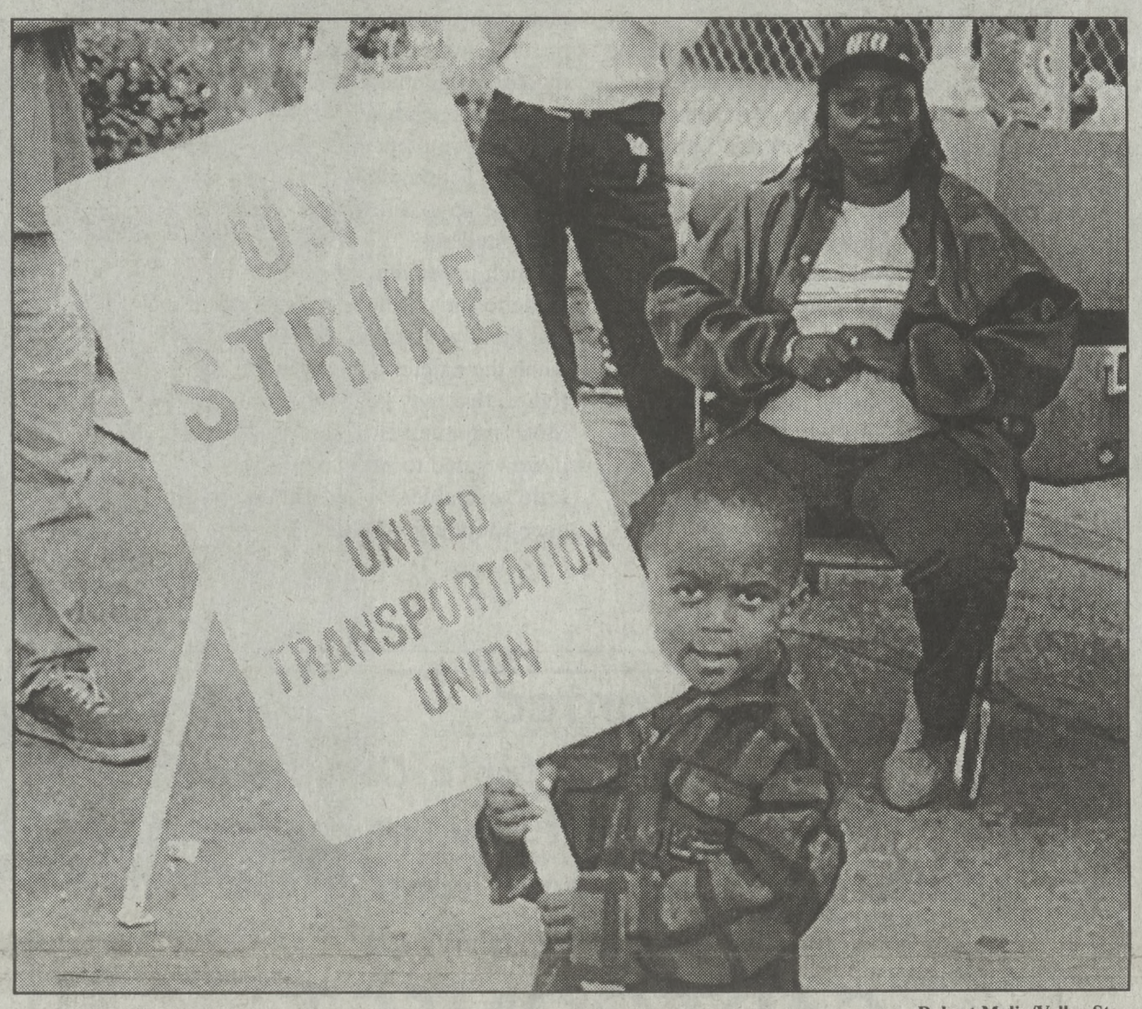

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Joshua carries a sign for his uncle, who is a bus driver striking with the United Transportation Union.

Wieder honored for community leadership

■ **SERVICE:** College president is involved with issues that affect the community.

By KARI STROUTH
STAR REPORTER

Tyree Wieder, president at Valley College, won the Armand Arabian award on Sep. 27 for her work as a leader in public service.

The Honorable Armand Arabian, Karl Boeckmann, vice president of Galpin Motors and Rickey Gelb, president of the Alumni Association, created the award.

"I believe that we need to encourage more of our leaders in the public sector to go the extra mile," said Gelb in his welcome to the six honorees and their guests at a luncheon held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. This is the first year the award has been given.

Recognized was Wieder's community service as chairperson and on the board of directors for Northridge Hospital Medical Center along with being on the board for Catholic Healthcare West, Valley Industry and Commerce Association, and the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley.

She is also on the board of directors and sisterhood for the Temple Ahavat Shalom, and co-chairperson for the Education and Workforce Initiative of Economic Alliance.

Wieder is also a member of the Community College League of the California Commission on Legislation and Finance,

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Wieder on College:
'It saved me'

By ALEX COBO
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

In a cluttered office filled with new cafeteria chairs, school budgets and official reports sits Tyree Wieder, president of Los Angeles Valley College.

"If it wasn't for community college I would have never gone to college," said Wieder. "It saved me."

Born in South Central Los Angeles, her mother died when she was two years old, and her father abandoned her and her two older brothers. "He couldn't deal with it," said Wieder. Her grandmother took over and with the help of an aunt, helped raise her. Wieder attributed family support for her success. No matter what happened, they were there for her she said.

While still in high school, she began her first job with the Unemployment Development Service and worked there for eight years and became an employment consultant.

"I became involved with consulting because it allowed me to help people," Wieder said. It also allowed her to pay for college. "College was too expensive when I graduated high school," she said.

Though offered a one-year scholarship to a private college, she choose to go to Compton Community College.

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Students, faculty donate blood

■ **DONERS:** Lack of knowledge prevents some people from giving blood.

By SOTIVIEAR SIM
STAR REPORTER

Many students and faculty went to the blood drive held in Monarch hall on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 to donate blood.

"Most people don't donate blood because of the lack of awareness and the time it takes," said Juan Landaverde, medical assistant.

"This summer was really bad because not enough people are donating," said Landaverde. "We are still trying to catch up."

The protection of the nations blood supply is dependent on increasing awareness to attract first time donors and to make it easier for regular donors to give blood.

Salvador Aguilar/Valley Star

Hoa Tran donates blood to the American Red Cross during the blood drive last week.

"I'm a student RN at Valley, so I know how short they are and how much the blood is needed," said Lydia Parish.

According to the American Red Cross in some areas where the shortage is crippling, hospitals have been forced to postpone scheduled surgeries because of the shortage in the blood supply.

For one Valley student donating blood has become a regular routine. "One time my sister had surgery and she needed blood, so I donated blood for her," Sheila Perez said. "It's better this time because it helping someone I don't even know."

The blood drawn is used to help treat patients in accidents, surgeries, and serious diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma, and other cancers, heart disease, sickle cell anemia and hemophilia.

Because of the outbreak of HIV and other diseases in the blood supply, the American Red Cross has implemented a thorough screening process to weed out ineligible donors. Giving blood is safe, painless and easy. The whole process takes less than an hour.

If eligible to donate, call 800-GIVE-LIFE to make an appointment to donate blood.

Crime Watch

Oct. 4 - Lot E
Stereos and a camera were stolen from 2 different Hondas and a Chevy Blazer.

Oct. 7 - Lot A
The tires were slashed on both a Honda Civic and a Ford Probe.

Oct. 7 - Lot B
The left front turn signal unit was stolen from a 1987 Toyota Camry..

Valley Star Editorial

VALLEY Star

America is just barely rethinking their old eating habits and is opting for a more health-conscious alternative to the usual choice of cheeseburgers and potato chips, but is the campus cafeteria aware of these changes? Will students be able to have a choice that fits their dietary cravings?

So far, no one is impressed with the selections vending machines around campus offer the weary students and the offering themselves don't present a very appetizing allure, according to some students. One student expressed her distaste for the Caesar salad and the lack of freshness of the lettuce and the waxy film on the skin of her bruised apple.

Health advocates stress the importance of being able to have a fresh and healthy selection available to students. A poor diet makes it difficult for students to concentrate in class or when studying.

The lack of selection is also unfair to those students looking to make an effort to eat right. With racks filled with potato chips instead of health bars, it's out of sight, out of mind.

At the moment, the temporary cafeteria and the vending machines are the closest means for food service since the area surrounding the campus is mostly residential and has very few restaurants nearby. The cafeteria is carrying pre-prepared Subway sandwiches. Freshness is one of the reasons we go to Subway, according to some students.

Much improvement needs to be made to satisfy the tastes of students and faculty members. We're hoping, when the cafeteria opens in the near future, that they keep this in mind. Most important is freshness. After all, if we wanted to eat waxy fruit and stale vegetables, we would do our produce shopping at IKEA

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Three strikes against Los Angeles

by Barret Oliver

The streets of downtown glimmer with the reflections from the high-rise buildings. During the lunch time hours the streets are filled with nicely dressed men and women taking a break from the daily grind.

On these streets also run the busses that get many of these people to work. Inside these buildings are also the people who clean and care for the facilities.

For more than three weeks janitors in red shirts carried singes and marched up and down these same Los Angeles streets.

Now the busses have all but stopped running. County employees, from health care workers to librarians have stopped working, all because they are not getting the money and benefits they feel due.

Soon teachers may go on strike as well adding to the falling infrastructure of the city and county of greater Los Angeles.

One recent study done for the city of Santa Monica found that a living wage hovers around $10 an hour - benefits are become increasingly important when faced with the reality social security and retirement.

These strikes effect more than just the workers and their employers. All of these services are basic and important parts of the working world. Children and students are faced with further blocks to their education if teachers go on strike.

Closed libraries means less learning; closed bus lines means less getting around - especially to work and school.

These strikes go to the core of what is wrong with society where government subsidized organizations aren't paid enough to provide the basic services that the citizenry needs. Work slows down and education comes to a near halt.

The people most effected by these strikes however, are not the employers of the businesses the workers are striking against, but the small businesses whose employees rely on the services provided by the government.

These people rely on the services of the MTA to get to work and school. They also rely on the services provided by county health care facilities.

The minimum wage earner often doesn't own a car. Many of these people don't have health insurance.

The local governments don't care enough about the employees to give them a fair wage. They also don't care enough about the people to keep these much needed services open.

Is it any wonder that on these same street only months ago protests were staged at a major national convention?

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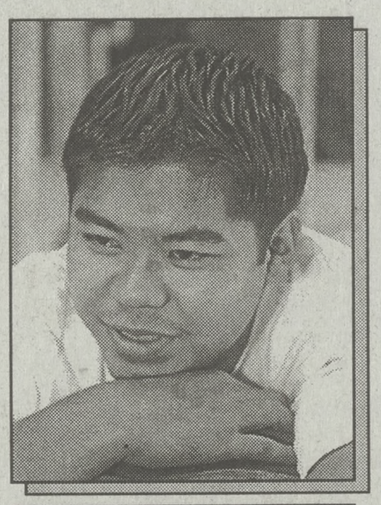
PHOTO SURVEY

What do you think about the MTA strike?

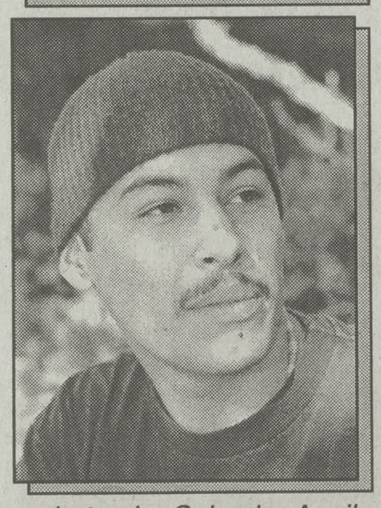


People can't get around, people that can't afford cars. It seems like more traffic now, coming to school in the morning. It brings more stress to people who usually rely on busses.

- Sam Okumura
Accounting major

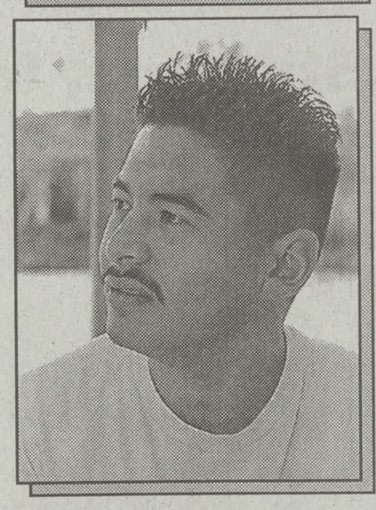
I've been having to walk. It's the only way to get here. Just give them what they want.

-Noushin Shahabikia
Pediatrics major



They need money. They don't get fair wages. It's not fair to some who can't afford cars. They have no way to get around.

-Sergio Rodriguez
Undeclared



After seeing how much they make I feel they should get a raise. It's bad for them. It's hard on everyone. A lot of people drive more or stay home. My friend couldn't even enroll.

-Ramiro Cejo Jr.
Fire Technology major

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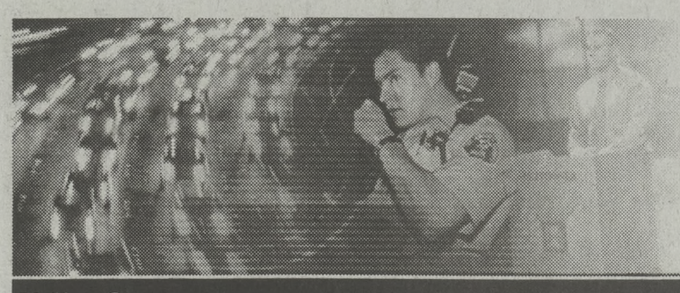

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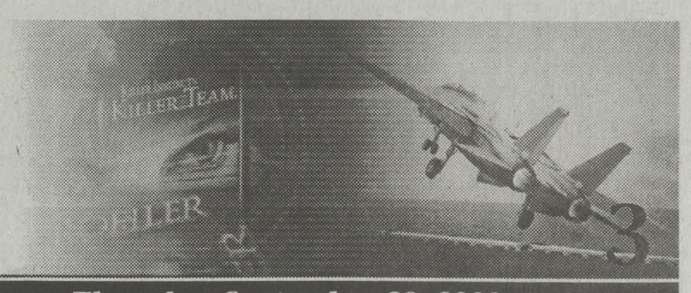

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After graduation, she attended California State University, Northridge, where she received her bachelor degree in sociology. She attended California State University, Long Beach, for a short time before transferring back to CSUN for her master's degree in educational psychology.

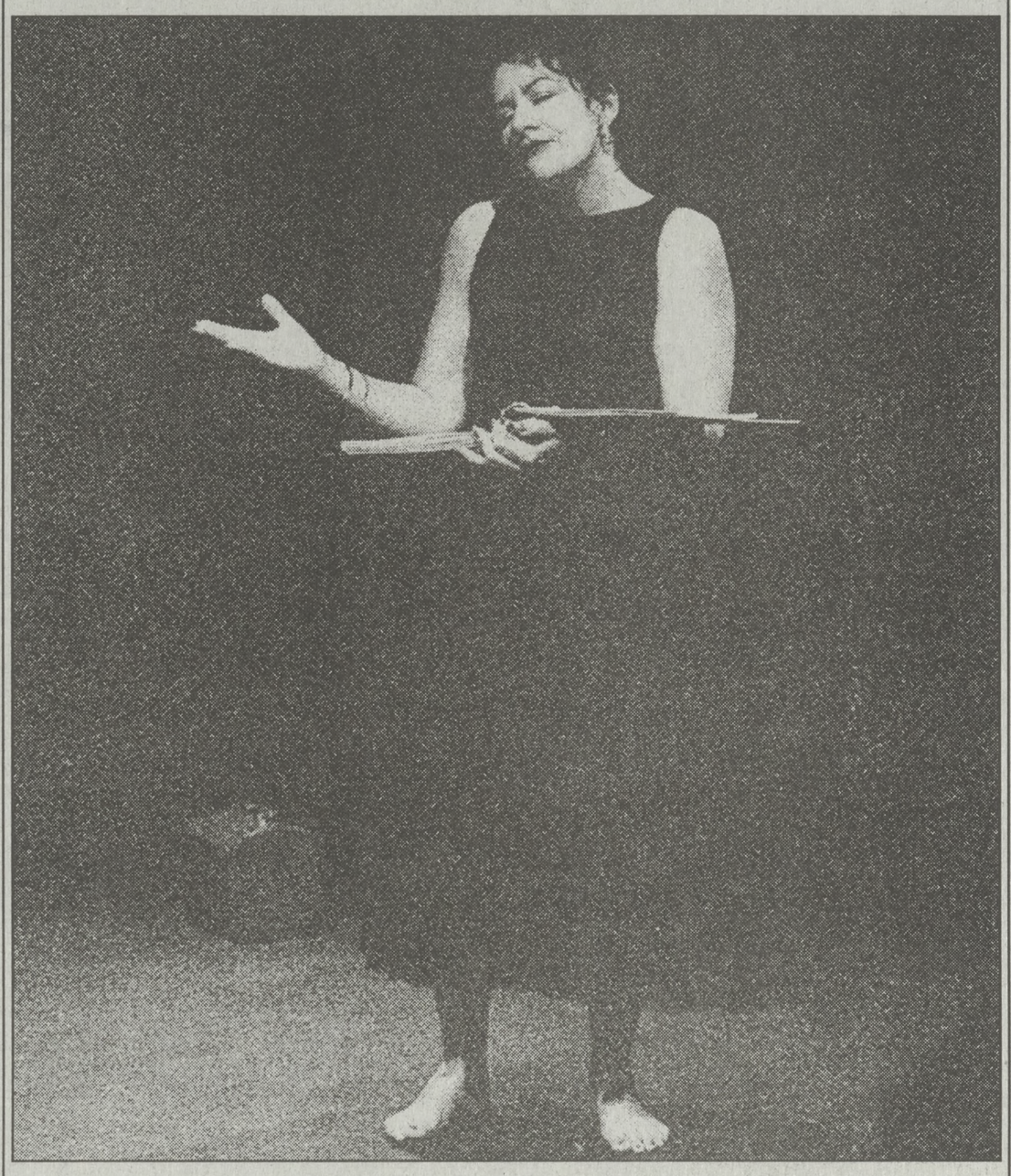
"I always wanted to go back to work in a community college," said Wieder. Three years later she became a consultant at Moorpark College and stayed there eight years. She met and married Les Wieder, a teacher of television and theatre. They have one daughter, Shavonne, who is now a junior at Santa Barbara College.

She learned of the opening for an associate dean of student services a Valley from a friend Athea Baker, who is now on the board of trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District. She was hired in 1990, and five years later she became president of the college.

Wieder expects that Valley will be one of the top community colleges in the country within a five-year period. She expects to accomplish this with the help of bond measures and expanding the size of faculty to include fire tech and biotech programs.

"My goal is have a shared process with faculty and students actively involved in the decision making and by working with the community to set up jobs for students," Wieder said.

Voices celebrating heritage



Karla S. Gutierrez/ Valley Star

Anamarie Gallardo performs Libro Abierto (open book) poetry reading at the Horseshoe Theatre on October 5 as part of the Latino Heritige Celebration.

Moms target gun safety, violence

■ **SAFETY:** People from the Million Mom March promote their anti-gun violence message.

By ANDREA ZOLLMAN
STAR REPORTER

Members of the San Fernando Valley chapter of the Million Mom March were at Valley College to register voters and to promote their anti-gun violence message on Oct. 2.

Devastation caused by gun violence is preventable, said Virginia Classick, president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Million Mom March.

The event was co-sponsored by the Associated Student Union and timed to coincide with the first Monday in October that the U.S. Supreme Court reconvenes.

"We are not anti-gun; we are anti-gun violence," said the chapter's president, Virginia Classick.

The group, who marched against gun violence last Mother's Day, aims to reduce and prevent gun violence through sensible gun control, Classick said. This legislation includes licensing of guns, limiting gun purchases to one a month, closing gun show loopholes and developing product and safety standards regarding the manufacture of guns, she said

Currently, teddy bears have more federal safety regulations than guns do, Classick said.

In a civilized society, individual rights need to balance with the welfare of the public at large and that gun control is about compromises.

"If you're a gun collector and you buy one gun a month, you probably can keep your collection going," she said.

The group presented the documentary "America: Up in Arms" to students. Peppered with statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations, the film presented the stories of three families that each lost a child to gun violence.

After the film, Classick and another chapter member, Loren Lieb, addressed the small group of students that had gathered to watch the film.

Lieb said she had been concerned about gun violence but felt she could avoid it because her neighborhood was safe. That changed when her 6-year-old son was shot at the North Valley Jewish Community Center on Aug. 10, 1999.

Lieb said to question statistics from the National Rifle Association and verify cited references independently.

She said the simplest thing people can do is to register to vote and know how the politicians stand on gun safety.

"By not doing anything, we're making the biggest mistake possible," Lieb said.

People get caught in what they can not do, instead of what they can, said Corina Benavides, student activities coordinator with the ASU.

"If we can make any difference, we are committed to that," Classick said.

Student enrollment explodes

■ **ATTENDANCE:** Enrollment crisis eases after many years.

By ROBERT CURRIER
STAR REPORTER

Valley College enrollment soared with a twelve percent growth rate this year, a far cry from the one to three percent increase it has seen over the last few years.

"This is a dramatic advance for any college," said Shannon C. Stack, director of media services. "A welcome change to seven years of struggling."

This year, with a new schedule of classes, a shortened semester, and the growing economy, created a flux in enrollment.

Historically, Valley was a school for vocations and students preparing for transition to a four program.

"I came here because it was cost effective and easy to transfer to a four year school later on," said student Zara Kodzhanyan.

"This is a better place to come straight out of high school," said Stack with a smile. "The drop out rate in the big colleges is huge because a student finds that he or she won't even see, let alone talk with a professor, until their junior year."

The enrollment crisis began in 1975 with Proposition 13: community colleges, once supported by a local tax base, fell into the hands of the state government. Valley became one of many state run programs.

To complicate matters, the 1994 earthquake distressed much of the campus and surrounding area. Enrollment plummeted to practically 8,000 students, and memories of a traditional enrollment, estimated at 25,000 students in1974, quickly faded into the wind.

The effort to win students back has been an uphill battle. The lack of funding from the state government caused even the basic upkeep of buildings to flounder and effected prospective students. Monies once allocated to recruit and approach students were far and in-between during the difficult years.

"A new schedule and thriving economy has given us a boost," Stack sighed. "We're finally breaking new ground in enrollment."

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level of class participation is lower.

Donald Smith, a philosophy professor, said that students who attended in the past have not been attending his class, and attributes this to the strike.

Smith's primary concern is after the strike. The question arises as to how to get the late students up to date with the progression of discussions.

Students who have missed classes due to the bus strike should contact their respective professors in order to catch up with the rest of the class.

"The MTA is a grossly wasteful organization similar to the LAUSD with terrible mismanagement," Smith said.

"But the union is also too powerful," said Smith. "Break the union and sell to private companies."

Student journalists take home awards

■ **COMPETITION:** Out of eight students, four won.

By KARI STROUTH
STAR REPORTER

Valley students won several awards at the annual Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern Regional Conference held Sep. 29 and Sep. 30.

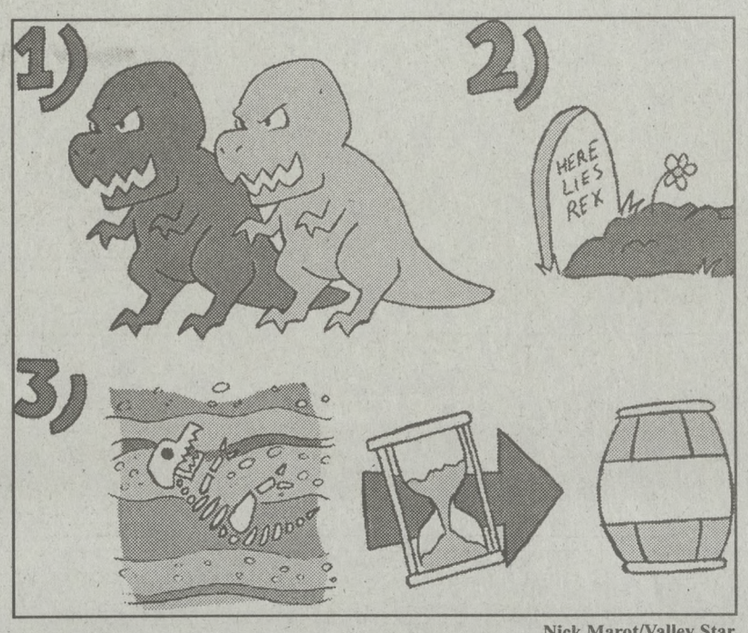
There were 26 colleges from Bakersfield to San Diego competing in writing and photography events. Valley had five students who collectively won seven awards.

There were two ways for students to win awards. Stories and photos from the previous semester could be mailed in and judged and then there were on-the-spot writing and photo competitions.

Cathy Koebel won third place for her sports feature story about a student running the Los Angeles Marathon. Nick Marot won third place for his editorial cartoon depicting how to lower gas prices through cloning dinosaurs. Honorable mention awards were given to Andrea Zollman for editorial writing and to Sotivear Sim for writing in depth news story.

For on-the-spot competitions, Koebel won third place for sports photo and honorable mentions were awarded to Barrett Oliver for editorial writing and Sim for sports writing.

THIRD PLACE WINNERS



Nick Marot/Valley Star

Editorial cartoon showing how to lower gas prices with the use of cloning.

Cathy Koebel/Valley Star

Melinda Garcia demonstrates a karate kick during the sports writing and photo contest.

Club Day at Valley lacks sparkle

■ **ABSENT:** Most clubs a no show on Club Day.

By RICHARD ADES
STAR REPORTER

Club day came and went with little fanfare at Valley College on Oct. 4.

Whether it was a hard time getting started or just the rain, club participation was down to two.

"The reason there's not that many clubs participating is because school started so late," said Wendy Monroy, ASU vice president. "The clubs have to get accustomed to the new schedule."

Amnesty International and Tau Alpha Epsilon were the only clubs present.

Club day is every other Wednesday, with the next club day on Oct. 18.

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The Universal City Tomorrow Steering Committee, and the Guild of National Council of Negro Women.

Other honors Wieder has received included the Haven Hills Community Service award in 1999, Woman of the Year, 40th assembly district in 1998, Woman of the Year by the National Council of Negro Women in 1995, and the Tribute to African American Women Administrate Leaders in 1994.

Wieder attended Compton Community College and then went on to CSUN where she earned her bachelor degree in sociology and her master's degree in educational psychology. She continued on to UCLA for her doctorate in higher education administration.

X-Country runs over opponents

■**RUNNING:** The men's cross country team is living in the fast lane, picking up a big win in their conference meet.

By SOTIVEAR SIM
SPORTS EDITOR

The Valley men's cross country team made a giant stride last Friday when they placed second in the Western State Conference beating out Moorpark by a slim two two point margin. The cross country team is blazing new trails for a program that in the past has been at the bottom of its conference.

Earlier in the year the men's team missed capturing the second place by three points to Ventura College.

The win at the Western State Conference was solidified with the performance of the core of the men's cross country team led by sophomore Zakaria Aatti, who finished tenth overall with a time of 20:35.

Sotivear Sim/Valley Star

The men's cross country team exploding off the starting line to take a second place finish in the WSC.

"The core of the team is committed to bring Valley College to the spotlight in cross country," sophomore runner Aatti said.

The women's team however has not been able to place in any of the competitions, but they continue to go out into the races and pound the pavement with the rest of the team.

"We haven't had a complete team all year," said runner Candace Brown.

The women's team has only been able to race three or four girls all season due to runners leaving the program. A team needs at least 5 runners to compete. This set back has not stopped these determined young ladies who continue to train and compete in the conference meets. They all ended up finishing with personal best times for the three mile run across the rugged terrain at Kenneth Hahn Park, the site of the conference meet.

"We performed better overall as a team and individually," Amber Brown said. "We improve each time we race."

This season accomplishments can be attributed to an off season work out program instituted by second year coach Francois Wolman.

Under his wing the Monarch's are having a break out season surprising many other teams in their conference.

"We have a committed coaching staff that created a strong foundation for us," Candace said.

This season is the finished product of an aggressive recruiting campaign by the coaching staff at local high schools in the valley.

Most of the team is composed of freshman runners which Wolman recruited himself.

"The team is extremely motivated," Wolman said. "They are real hard workers and the chemistry is there.

Western State Conference

♦Glendale	20
♦**Valley**	**118**
♦Moorpark	120
♦Ventura	129
♦Bakersfield	140
♦Oxnard	174
♦Citrus	181
♦SBCC	195
♦SMC	198

Finishing Times

10 Aatti	**20:35**
20 Rosdail	**21:24**
21 Buchanan	**21:29**
27 Collins	**21:45**
40 Regalado	**22:25**
48 Murillo	**22:43**
76 Enriquez	**24:03**
91 Morris	**25:30**

Water polo storms tourney

By BAXTER CEPEDA
STAR REPORTER

The women's water polo team went undefeated and won the consolation final in a tournament held Friday and Saturday at Ventura College.

"We played well," said Bill Krauss, coach for women's water polo. "It was a great tournament for us."

"We played horrible against Santa Monica but we still won," Krauss said, with the score ending 11-4.

Valley had beaten Santa Monica earlier in the season by 14 goals. "We were missing some key players in our starting line up and we didn't take advantage of the little opportunities we had therefore we didn't beat them by the score we should have," Shelly Stiles, water polo team member said.

The Monarchs tied, 6-6, when playing against the Fullerton Hornets, who are ranked tenth in the state. "We tied the Hornets," Krauss said. "We played a great game against them."

The Monarchs made the best of the situation by winning their final two games of the tournament against West Valley College 10-6 and El Camino College 7-5.

"If we win this next game we will have come up here and not lost a game," said Krauss before the El Camino game.

On Oct.3, the Valley women made the three-hour drive north to face fifth ranked Cuesta College and came out with a respectable 10-8 loss. "They will be the favorites at the league tourney so it was a great game for us," Krauss said.

The Cougars had an 8-2 lead at halftime but Valley stormed back in the second half by keeping their opposition scoreless for 12 minutes, spanning over three quarters. Stiles was perfect in shooting from the field against Cuesta by cashing in on all five of her attempts.

Nicole Hildreth, a sophomore on the water polo team said, "It took us a little while to get warmed up but in the end we started catching up and playing very well.

Three players suspended

Monarch football handed home loss

■ **FOOTBALL:** The monarchs who must go on and play without their head coach lose their third consecutive home game.

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After learning earlier in the week that they would be without their head coach, the Monarch football team went out Saturday and suffered a heart-breaking 17-7 defeat to the Allan Hancock Bulldogs.

The team was informed that their coach would be on medical leave for an uncertain amount of time.

"The coach is out having prostate and knee surgery," said athletic director Chuck Ferraro.

Filling in for the coach on Saturday was assistant head coach Ron Ponciano, the former Cal State Northridge coach who took over a team struggling to score points.

"It's hard to take over a team when your first opponent is Allan Hancock, one the best teams to set foot on a junior college football field,"said Ponciano.

To make matters worse the coach was without four of his offensive weapons wide receiver Julian Battle, running back Roderick Thomas, and quarterback Tim Wilson were suspended and offensive lineman Thomas Molloy was out with the flue.

The four were missed against Hancock, as the Monarchs were only able to manage one offensive touchdown.

The other wins this season were attributed to the strong running duo of Thomas and Stark who account for the bulk of the teams yardage.

The Monarch's only touchdown score was set up midway through the fourth quarter after defensive back Dennis Butler returned a punt 47 yards to the five yard line setting up running back Tim Starks five yard touchdown run.

"When I caught it, I was thinking I got to score," Butler said. This might be the only chance we have to score."

The bright spot of the game was the defense. They kept the team in the game coming up with big defensive plays like the interception by safety Richard Rodriguez after the Monarchs touchdown. They went on to set up the offense at bulldog 40 yard line and for the go ahead score.

On third and two with the ball on the 33 yard line the coach decided to throw the ball and ended up giving the ball away on downs.

"I'm not going to second guess myself they were playing man and we should been able to complete a pass."said Ponciano.

The loss drops the Monarchs to one and four and one and two in conference.

Up next for the team is non-conference opponent Citrus College.